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SUBJECT: CYPRUS PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU PRESS REMARKS FOLLOWING
MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE, NEW YORK MAY 25

1. FOLLOWING BASED ON DEPTOFF NOTES ARE EXTRACTS OF
INFORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY CYPRUS PRESIDENT
KYPRIANOU IN LOBBY U.N. PLAZA HOTEL MAY 25 FOLLOWING
HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE.

2. KYPRIANOU MADE OPENING STATEMENT ALONG GENERAL LINES
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AGREED TO WITH SECRETARY (USUN SEPTEL). IN RESPONSE TO
QUESTIONS, KYPRIANOU MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. UNSYG HAD WISELY DECIDED NOT TO CALL FOR RESUMPTION
OF THE INTER-COMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THE TURKISH
CYPRIOT PROPOSALS WERE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE, ONLY DESIGNED
TO LEGALIZE AGGRESSION, AND NOT CAPABLE OF IMPROVEMENT

DESPITE MISLEADING EFFORTS BY SOME TO "BEAUTIFY" THEM.
THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S ROLE WAS VERY IMPORTANT AND SHOULD
NOT BE PLACED IN RISK.

B. SECRETARY DID NOT TRY TO PRESS OR INFLUENCE KYPRIANOU
TO CONSIDER THE TURKISH PROPOSALS. HE WAS WELL AWARE OF
GOC VIEWS.

C. MISSING PERSONS QUESTION WAS NOT DISCUSSED WITH
SECRETARY BUT CONSULTATIONS WERE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN
FOR MIN ROLANDIS AND U.S. UNHRC REP MEZVINSKY AND
KYPRIANOU HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH WALDHEIM. HOWEVER,
NO REAL PROGRESS HAD YET BEEN MADE.

D. KYPRIANOU SAID HE WOULD GO TO WASHINGTON JUNE 8 TO
MEET WITH SFRC AND HIRC, AND TO GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE;
NO OTHER MEETINGS WERE PLANNED NOR WERE THEY TO BE
EXCLUDED. HE HAD SHORT TALK IN NEW YORK MAY 24 WITH
VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND THEY MIGHT MEET AGAIN. HE
WOULD NOT EXCLUDE ANOTHER MEETING WITH SECRETARY.

E. KYPRIANOU WAS INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH ECEVIT BUT
NOT WITH DENKTASH. TO DO LATTER WOULD BE A TRAP SINCE
DENKTASH DID NOT REPRESENT THE TURKISH OCCUPYING FORCE
ON CYPRUS. KYPRIANOU SAID HE HAD RELIABLE INFO THAT VAST
MAJORITY OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS DO NOT AGREE WITH DENKTASH.
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F. ASKED ABOUT U.S. CYPRUS ROLE, KYPRIANOU SAID ANY
EFFORT BY U.S. OR OTHERS TO ASSIST UN SEC GEN IN DIS-
CHARGING HIS GOOD OFFICES RESPONSIBLY WOULD BE WELCOME.
U.S. HAS GOOD RELATIONS AND INFLUENCE WITH TURKEY AND
COULD PUT THESE TO USE.

G. KYPRIANOU SAID HE HAD NOT ASKED SECRETARY TO CARRY
MESSAGE TO DENKTASH. CHRISTOPHER

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